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DESPITE ALL THE DESTRUCTION AND DEFOLIATION THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS ENABLED FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS, TWO MONTHS, ONE WEEK, FOUR DAYS, THIRTEEN HOURS, FORTY-TWO MINUTES, AND THIRTY-SEVEN POINT SIX SECONDS SINCE SEIZING CONTROL OF MOBOTROPOLIS--

-- MUCH OF THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENT REMAINS UNTOUCHED.

OVER VAST STRETCHES OF LAND, ENTIRE FAMILIES CAN STILL COMMUNE WITH NATURE.

THIS CURRENT STATE OF NON-PRODUCTIVITY CAN BEST BE SUMMED UP IN THREE WORDS...

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

OR, MORE SUCCINCTLY--

--HOW IS IT HE ALWAYS GETS THE BETTER OF ME?

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DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IN ENGAGE!

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT *TEENAGERS*, ADAM!

THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY KNOWN FOR *RATIONALITY* AND *LOGIC!*

NOTHING BUT *EMOTION* AND *HORMONES*, WHICH MAKES THEM *ANYTHING* BUT *PREDICTABLE!*

ANSWER UNKNOWN! INSUFFICIENT DATA!

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QUERY: WOULD IT NOT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO FOCUS YOURSELF TOWARD THE STATED OBJECTIVE?

AT YOUR PRESENT RATE, IT WILL BE ANOTHER 116 YEARS, 11 MONTHS, 3 DAYS, 6 HOURS, 31 MINUTES, AND 15 POINT 4 SECONDS BEFORE ATTAINING COMPLETE WORLD DOMINATION.

THE HEDGE-HOG IS MY BUSINESS, ADAM!

YOU WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT!

AS FOR MY STATED OBJECTIVES--

--IF YOU CAN DEVISE A MEANS TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION, THEN DO SO!

OTHERWISE, I HAVE A LOW THRESHOLD FOR IMPERTINENCE!

NOW... IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I MUST SEEK OUT MY DAILY NOURISHMENT!

HOW I LONG FOR MY ORIGINAL CONSTRUCT FORM--

--INSTEAD OF THIS WEAK AND PATHETIC BIOLOGICAL SHELL!*

*SEE SONIC #118 FOR THE FULL STORY.

PLAYBACK: TWO MINUTES, FORTY-THREE POINT SEVEN SECONDS AGO!

AS FOR MY STATED OBJECTIVES--

--IF YOU CAN DEVISE A MEANS TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION, THEN DO SO!

CONCLUSION: AUTHORIZATION HAS NOW BEEN GRANTED!

THEREFORE--

--ACTION MAY BE INITIATED!

OPTION ONE: CONSTRUCT FORCE.

DRAWBACK: INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO ACHIEVE A RADICAL CHANGE IN THE STATUS QUO.

OPTION TWO: THE POD CHAMBER. DRAWBACK: TOO EARLY FOR INTERFACE WITH ANY-ONE BEYOND THEIR IMMEDIATE ENVIRON-MENT.

LEAVING OPTION THREE: UNLEASH-ING THE NANO-TECHNOLOGY--

"--AND ALLOW IT TO INCREASE EXPONEN-TIALLY IN AN UNRE-STRICTED ENVIRON-MENT!"

WHAT AN ODD SOUND!

KLIK-KLAK-KLIK-KLAK-KLIK-KLAK-KL

WE HAVEN'T COME ACROSS A SOUL THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS--

--SO IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT *COULD* BE MAKING IT!

MAYBE IT'S THE *BIRDS* CHIRP-ING, MA!

KLIK KLAK KLIK KLAK

OR *BEES!* THEY CAN GET AWFUL *LOUD!*

I *DOUBT* EITHER THE BIRDS OR THE BEES COULD MAKE A *RACKET* LIKE THAT.

THEN *WHAT?*

AK-KLIK-KLAK-KLIK-KLAK-KLIK-KLAK-KLIK-KLAK-KLIK

RUN!

GREAT THUNDER OF AURORA!

WE'RE GOING TO BE TRAPPED!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S *RELENTLESS!*

NEVER MIND THE ANALYSIS! JUST *KEEP GOING!*

NOOOO!

PREDICTION: OBJECTIVE WILL BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE NEXT 118 HOURS, 23 MINUTES, AND 41 POINT 9 SECONDS.

ENGAGE!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

HAS JUST LEARNED SOMETHING IS UP, AND FINDS EVERYONE GATHERED IN A SPECIAL BUNKER LOCATED UNDER THE SURFACE OF KNOTHOLE.

DID I *MISS* ANYTHING?

BOOMER

ONLY MY *EXPLANATION* OF HOW WE'RE RECEIVING THIS *LIVE VIDEO FEED!*

SUFFICE IT TO SAY, WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS *ACTUALLY TRANSPIRING* EVEN AS WE SPEAK!

SONIC'S ANGELS

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IN THE FUTURE, EVERYONE, WHEN A MEETING IS CALLED--

--IT'S *NOT* CONDUCTED ON *SONIC* TIME!

BOOM

OUCH! WISH I KNEW IF THAT WAS AIMED AT ME BECAUSE OF *ME*--

--OR MY *EVIL DOUBLE!**

OVER HERE, SUGAH HOG!

*SEE THE PREVIOUS TWO ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

GETTING BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND--

--THIS APPEARS TO BE THE UTILIZATION OF A *TECHNOLOGY* WE CAN ONLY GUESS AT--

--WHEREBY THE *NATURAL* ENVIRONMENT IS *TERRAFORMED* INTO A SPRAWLING *ARTIFICIAL* DEVELOPMENT!

THIS *SATELLITE TRANSMISSION* COURTESY OF *LOCKE* SHOWS THAT WHATEVER THIS THING IS--

--*ORIGINATED* IN *MEGAOPOLIS* AND IS RAPIDLY SPREADING *OUTWARD* IN EVERY DIRECTION!

OUR CURRENT PROJECTIONS ESTIMATE--

--THAT IT WILL REACH *KNOTHOLE* IN 24 HOURS!

BOOMER

AND AT ITS PRESENT RATE OF SPEED, THE *ENTIRE* SURFACE OF MOBIUS WILL BE *COVERED* IN UNDER A *WEEK!*

ANY QUESTIONS?

JUST *ONE*--

HOW DO WE *STOP* THIS THING?

BEFORE LONG...

I JUST DON'T GET IT!

GET WHAT, AMY ROSE?

HOW THESE *TEAMS* WERE *CHOSEN!*

NOTHING AGAINST SONIC, BUT DON'CHA THINK *SIR CHARLES* SHOULD *LEAD* THIS CHARGE?

MUCH AS I THINK MY UNC IS THE BOMB--

--*SPEED* COULD BE THE KEY ON THIS GO-ROUND--

WHO *KNEW*--

--THAT *YOU'RE* QUITE THE *CHAUVINISTIC OINKER?*

WHAT ABOUT *ME?*

LET'S GET *REAL*, MINA!

HOW *MANY* MISSIONS HAVE YOU BEEN ON *COMPARED* TO ME?

YEAH, I *THOUGHT* SO!

THIS LOOKS AS GOOD A SPOT AS ANY TO SET UP STATIONS!

HURRY UP, BRAIN-TRUST!

WE NEED TO BE *SET-UP--*

"--BY THE TIME THE *FIRST TEAM* REACHES THE *INTERCEPT POINT!*"

WATCHING SOMETHING ON A MONITOR DOESN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO SEEING IT *LIVE!*

YOU SAID IT, BUNNIE! EVEN *I'M* GETTING *GOOSE BUMPS!*

FASCINATING! FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, *MATTER* IS BEING *MANUFACTURED* LITERALLY OUT OF *THIN AIR!*

SOMETHING FROM *NOTHING!* WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT *POSSIBLE?*

OBEY

CONFORM

GET *READY,* GUYS-- --CAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO DO IT TO IT!

TEAM TWO, DO YOU COPY?

WE'RE IN PLACE-- --AND JUST ABOUT READY TO *ROCK'N'ROLL!*

BOOMER

TELL THAT *NEPHEW* OF MINE *GOOD LUCK--*

--JUST IN CASE...?

LOOKS LIKE A WAY *IN!*

WHY SO *SURPRISED?* WASN'T *ROBOTROPOLIS* LIKE THIS?

I GET THE POINT! IF IT LOOKS AND SMELLS LIKE THE REAL DEAL--

--IT STILL DOESN'T MEAN IT *IS* THE REAL DEAL!

SONIC--?

FOR ONCE, I'M *SCARED!*

THIS THING IS *HUMONGOUS!* BIGGER THAN *ANYTHING* WE'VE *EVER* FACED!

WHY *JUST* US? WHY DIDN'T THE *OTHERS* COME WITH US?

--YOU'RE *MY GUYS* THROUGH THICK'N'THIN!

SO WHADDYA SAY?

LET'S PARTY!

SEE ANYTHING, SONIC?

A WHOLE LOTTA *DARK* AND NOT MUCH ELSE!

TEAM TWO, CAN YOU STILL COPY?

WE READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, TEAM ONE!

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

BOOMER

IT'S LIKE TRYING TO SNEAK INTO *ROBOTROPOLIS*--

--ONLY THERE'S *NO* SIGN OF *LIFE* OR SENSE OF WHERE *ANYTHING* IS!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO *SPLIT* UP!

"--BUT I HAVEN'T ANY INDICATION WHAT THE *SOURCE* COULD BE!?"

THIS MISSION IS TOUGH *ENOUGH* AS IT IS--

--WITHOUT BEING SADDLED WITH *ALL* OF THE GIRLS!

WHAT IS THIS?! *SALLY'S REVENGE?!!*

TEAM ONE TO AMY ROSE! ANYTHING TO *REPORT?*

NADA! ANY CLUE ON WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR?

OR WHY *SONIC* HASN'T ASKED ME OUT SINCE OUR *KISS?**

*SEE SONIC #150, AMY ROSE IS STILL UNAWARE WHO SHE REALLY KISSED

HOW ABOUT YOU, FIONA? DISCOVER ANYTHING *INTERESTING?*

I'M NOT SURE! I'M PICKING UP AN UNUSUAL *HUMMING SOUND*--

SEE ANYTHING, BUNNIE?

ALL PEACE AND QUIET, ROTOR!

NOTHING *UNUSUAL* HEAH!

WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING'S *WRONG!*

WHAT IS IT?

I'M PICKING UP A *WEIRD* SOUND, LIKE--

MY ARM!!

IT'S GRABBED MY ARM!!

NOOOOOOOO!!

BUNNIE!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!!

BOOMER

BUNNIE! CAN YOU *HEAR* ME? OVER!

BUNNIE? *BUNNIE!!!*

EITHER ONE OF YOU PICKING UP HER *SIGNAL?*

IT JUST *BLIPPED OUT,* ROTOR!

FIRST IT *WAS* THERE, AND NOW IT *ISN'T!*

SO WHAT DO *WE* DO?

BUNNIE

THE *HARDEST* THING OF ALL, SON-- *NOTHING!*

REMAIN AT YOUR POSTS!

"WE WON'T *LEARN* ANYTHING IF WE DON'T *MAINTAIN* CONTACT!"

BAD NEWS! NO SIGN OF BUNNIE *ANYWHERE* DOWN THE CORRIDOR SHE TOOK!

WHAT'S *WORSE*, EVEN WITH *MY* SPEED--

--I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH *AREA* I CAN COVER IN ORDER TO *FIND* HER!

COME IN, SONIC! WHAT'S YOUR *CURRENT STATUS?*

A BIG *ZERO*, ROTOR!

NO BUNNIE-- BUT I JUST FOUND A SECTION THAT WOULD GIVE YOUR LAB SET-UP A RUN FOR THE MONEY!

ANY TERMINALS YOU CAN TAP INTO? SOMETHING YOU CAN *ACCESS* A *DATABASE* WITH?

BOOMER

HOLD ON! THERE'S SOMETHING UP AHEAD!

YOU'RE *BREAKING UP!* SAY AGAIN? *ZZTTT...*

THIS HAS GOTTA BE A *GAG!*

NO WAY COULD *HE* BE BEHIND ALL THIS!

AFTER ALL THIS TIME.

EGG

WHERE THERE'S *ONE*, THE *OTHER* CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND!

AND IF *SNIVELY* IS WHY BUNNIE IS *MIA*--*

*MISSING IN ACTION.

"--I'LL GO *BEYOND* SUPER-SONIC ON HIS TAIL!"

OUR SCANNERS INDICATE YOU'RE LIKE US--

--THEREFORE, YOU WILL BE ABSORBED!

I *LIKE* MYSELF RIGHT FINE THE WAY I AM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

WHY DON'T YOU *SHOW* YOURSELF SO I CAN SEE WHO I'M DEALING WITH!

YOU WILL JOIN THE CONTIGUITY. WE ARE THE MANY FROM THE ONE!

JOIN? AS IN--*BECOME A COMPUTER?!*

"NO! NO!! *NO!!!* I JUST WANNA BE *ME!!*"

GAME *OVER*, SLIME BALL!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH *BUNNIE?*

WHOA, YOU BLUE *FUZZBALL!*

YOU GOT IT *BACKWARDS!*

ALL OF THIS IS *BECAUSE* OF THE *NANITES!*

NANWHATSIS?

A *SELF-REPLICATING* TECHNOLOGY!

THEY REPRODUCE, COMMUNICATE, CONSUME AND IF WE DON'T *STOP* THEM BEFORE LONG--

--THEY'LL BE THE *DOMINANT* LIFE FORM ON THIS PLANET!

ROTOR SAID PRETTY MUCH THE *SAME* THING!

BUT *WHY* WOULD ROBO-BUTT *CREATE* SOMETHING THAT COULD CLEAN HIS CLOCK?

WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO *RECREATE METAL SONIC*-- *

--HE FOUND THESE THINGS!

HIS NEW *"SON"* HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE NANITES AND IS EXPANDING HIS *"FATHER'S"* TERRITORY.

A.D.A.M. IS A *VIRUS* IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD!

*"BOY DID HE EVER! CHECKOUT SONIC #146-149 TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.

MAYBE ROBOTNIK SHOULD SET SOME *OTHER* GOALS IN LIFE!

AS SHOULD *YOU!*

I FOUND *EVIDENCE* SNIVELY'S BEEN SETTING SOME PRETTY *NASTY* DEVICES *THROUGHOUT* THE COMPLEX!

SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THE *E.M.P. DETONATORS* I'VE BEEN SETTING!

E.M.P.?

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE, SONIC --

--A *POWERFUL* SURGE WITH THE CAPACITY TO RENDER ANYTHING *ELECTRONIC* TOTALLY *USELESS!*

BUT *HARMLESS* TO ANY *LIVING* BEING!

I *THINK* I MISSED THAT CLASS.

IT'S A WONDER YOU *THINK* AT ALL BEFORE ACTING!

I WAS *PROGRAMMING* THE *TIMERS* SO THE DETONATORS WOULD GO OFF *SIMULTANEOUSLY* BEFORE YOU STOPPED ME!

SO... NOW *I'M* TO *BLAME?*

NO! I'M SAYING NOW OUR *ONLY* ALTERNATIVE IS TO SET OFF THE DETONATORS AT THE *THREE* FLASHPOINTS *MANUALLY!*

TIME IS NOW OF THE ESSENCE AND WE HAVEN'T A SPARE MOMENT TO LOSE!

SOUNDS LIKE A NEED FOR *SUPER-SONIC SPEED!*

GET *REAL,* SONIC!

EVEN YOU *CAN'T* BE IN THREE PLACES AT ONCE!

--*WE* CAN TAKE CARE OF THE DETONATORS!

YOU HAVE TO *SAVE* BUNNIE!

SAVE *BUNNIE?*

BESIDES--

SHE'S *RIGHT,* SONIC!

WHEN THE E.M.P. GOES OFF, BUNNIE'S *ROBOTIC LIMBS* WILL BE *AFFECTED--*

--AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE *REST OF HER* AFTER THAT!

WHAT ABOUT *SNIVELY?* HE JUST CUTS AND *RUNS* WHILE WE MAKE LIKE *HEROES?*

HARDLY! WHILE THE GIRLS GET IN POSITION TO TRIGGER THE DETONATORS--

--I'LL BE MANNING THE *MASTER GENERATOR* RIGHT HERE TO ENSURE THE *MAXIMUM* SURGE IS PROVIDED!

TEAM TWO, DID YOU COPY ALL THAT?
LOUD AND CLEAR, SON!
SNIVELY WAS SHOOTING STRAIGHT WITH YOU!
SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE BUNNIE--
--YOU'D BETTER DO IT NOW AS WE'RE LOSING HER SIGNAL!
JUST POINT THE WAY AND I'M OFF!
PROCEED EAST--
--UNTIL WE TELL YOU TO CHANGE COURSE!
I'M DOIN' IT TO IT!
WE'D BETTER GET MOVING AS WELL! WHERE ARE THE DETONATORS, SNIVELY?
SEE THIS MAP?
RIGHT HERE--
--HERE--
--AND JUST DOWN THE CORRIDOR BEYOND THE MASTER GENERATOR!
HOW DO WE GET OUT TO THE TWO FARTHEST DETONATORS?
I MAY BE A HEDGEHOG BUT I'M NOWHERE NEAR AS FAST AS SONIC!
BUT, I AM!
I'LL CARRY FIONA TO THE SECOND POINT--
--WHILE I TAKE THE THIRD!
JUST HANG ON, FOXY LADY, AND DON'T LET GO!

WELL, WHADDYA *WAITING* FOR?

WE *STILL* HAVE A JOB TO DO!

I KNOW, BUT I'M FINDING IT HARD TO FACTOR IN THE *TRUST* INTO THIS EQUATION!

WOULD IT *HELP* IF I SAID I WAS *ONLY* DOING THIS TO *GET REVENGE* AGAINST A.D.A.M. AND DIDN'T GIVE A RAT'S BEHIND ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

YEAH! *THAT* YOU COULD *SELL* ME!

THEN, C'MON--

"--THE CLOCK IS *TICKING!*"

THIS IS *FIONA!* I'M NOW AT THE *SECOND FLASHPOINT!*

DID YOU GUYS COPY *FIONA'S* LAST TRANSMISSION?

NOW GO *NORTH* ABOUT 50 YARDS, SONIC!

AFFIRMATIVE! BUT WE'LL GET TO THAT IN A MINUTE!

RIGHT NOW, IF WE FIGURED THE SIGNALS OUT *CORRECTLY*, YOU SHOULD BE FINDING --

BUNNIE!

EGG

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* TO *HER?*

SHE IS BEING *ABSORBED* INTO THE CONTIGUITY!

SHE IS *ROBOTIC*, IS SHE NOT?

SHE'S *NOT* ROBOTIC, *DORK!* SHE'S *BIONIC!*

LOOK WHAT *YOU* DID TO THE FOREST!

YOU CAN'T ABSORB THAT!!!

THIS IS *MINA*! I'VE ARRIVED AT THE *THIRD FLASHPOINT*!

OH, *GREAT*! BUNNIE'S GONNA *LOSE* IT BECAUSE I WASN'T *FAST ENOUGH*!

HOLD ON, SON! I THINK I HAVE AN *ANSWER*!

THE *NANITES THOUGHT PROCESSES*, SONIC -- THEY MUST BE *BINARY*!

IN SIMPLER TERMS, THEY UNDERSTAND *ORGANIC* AND *INORGANIC* -

REMEMBER HOW TAILS FIRST CONFUSED A.D.A.M. WITH HIS JOKES? A.D.A.M. ONLY UNDERSTANDS LOGIC...*

BOOMER

*WAY BACK IN SONIC 132.

-- BUT HE DOESN'T COMPREHEND *MIXING* THE *TWO*!

WHOO-HOO! THANK YOU, UNCLE CHUCK!!!

YO! TO *WHATEVER'S* LISTENING IN --

SNAP

DOES YOUR *PROGRAMMING* INCLUDE BEING ABLE TO *WASTE* SOMEONE?

Y'KNOW, LIKE *SNIVELY* OR YOUR 'SIS *MECHA*?

ORGANIC TISSUE IS NOT ADAPTABLE NOR DOES IT SERVE ANY PURPOSE TO THE CONTIGUITY!

ONE IS EITHER CARBON OR SILICON-BASED!

YET, YOU'RE TRYING TO *ABSORB* MY FRIEND, WHO'S A *FUSION* OF THE TWO!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TRY TO ABSORB *HER* -- ORGANIC TISSUE?

ORGANIC TISSUE CANNOT BE ABSORBED BY THE CONTIGUITY!

EGG?

SINCE THE CONTIGUITY *CAN'T* ABSORB BUNNIE'S ORGANIC TISSUE --

-- AND SINCE SHE CAN'T SURVIVE *WITHOUT* HER *ROBOTIC LIMBS* --

-- EH, EXCUSE ME -- *SILICON-BASED MATTER* --

-- WHERE'S THE *LOGIC* IN DOING TO HER WHAT *YOU'RE* DOING TO HER?

SONIC, WHAT'S GOING ON?! WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!!

WELL?

THAT EQUATION--

--NEEDS FURTHER COMPUTATION.

EGG?

ASTONISHING! ALL OF A SUDDEN, ALL ACTIVITY--STOPPED!

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR END, SONIC?

A MIRACLE!

I'M MYSELF AGAIN!

I'LL SAY! BETTER THAN EVER!

WHAT DO YOU THINK JUST HAPPENED?

I'LL TELL YOU LATER, SUGAH!

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS YOUR MAH HERO!

HEY! I JUST *NOTICED!*

WHERE DID THAT CREEPY-LOOKING CONTRAPTION *GO?*

BACK INTO THE MOTHER-BOARD, I'D SAY!

YO, SONIC! AN *OPENING* JUST APPEARED IN THE CEILING *ABOVE* ME!

I'VE A *CLEAR* RUN TO *DAYLIGHT!*

SAME HERE! ONLY MINE PROVIDED A *LADDER!*

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON?

WELL, IF WE CAN GET *INSIDE,* WE MAY HAVE A SHOT AT GETTING SOME *ANSWERS!*

ANSWERS? WHAT DO YOU *EXPECT* A ROBOT WILL *TELL* YOU?

NOT ROBOT, SONIC! *NANITES!*

AND I SUSPECT A *LOT!*

"AND BECAUSE THEY WERE--*ARE*--CAPABLE OF *INDEPENDENT* THOUGHT EVEN WITHOUT A.D.A.M.'S INPUT, CHANCES ARE THOSE WHO WERE CAUGHT IN THEIR PATH DIDN'T SUFFER ANY SERIOUS HARM, EITHER."

"WHAT MAKES YOU SO *SURE?*"

I MEAN --

-- IF THESE *MICROSCOPIC COMPUTERS* POSED SUCH A *THREAT*, HOW COME THEY'RE NOW *HARMLESS*?

HARMLESS?? TAKE A GOOD *LOOK* AROUND, SONIC!

IT'LL BE *DECADES* IF NOT *CENTURIES* BEFORE THE *ECOLOGICAL BALANCE* IS *RESTORED*!

THE NANITES PROBABLY HAD NO IDEA OF *CO-EXISTENCE* UNTIL THEY *ENCOUNTERED* BUNNIE!

A.D.A.M COULDN'T HANDLE IT TOO WELL EITHER CONSIDERING HOW HE BOOTED SNIVELY FROM ROBOTNIK'S SIDE.

I GUESS BEING *UNIQUE* DOES HAVE ITS *ADVANTAGES*.

I'M JUST GLAD WE NEVER HAD TO RESORT TO *SNIVELY'S OPTION*!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, *WHERE* IS THE *LITTLE TWERP* ANYWAY?

NOW IF YOU EXAMINE THIS SAMPLE *ROTOR* TOOK, YOU CAN SEE *ACTIVITY* GOING ON, DESPITE THEIR SEEMING *DORMANCY*!

IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH A LINK, THEY MAY YET PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO BRINGING DOWN MY UNCLE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SON, THERE MAY BE SOME *HOPE* FOR YOU YET!

SO, YOU TRUST ME FULLY?

KEEP HOPING.

*AND ON THAT NOTE, WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THE **KNOTHOLE BRAIN TRUST**! NEXT ISSUE THE FUN AND ADVENTURE HITS A SOUR NOTE WITH A "SONGOOSE" WHEN A WEASEL WITH THE "NACK" DROPS IN!*